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Date: 1/2/02 2:05pm **Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

I believe the proposed Microsoft settlement is fair. If it fails and Microsoft is broken up, this would affect the quality of their products since there would be less integration between the operating system and office software. I believe Microsoft should have an equal right to create software that runs on their operating system. I use Microsoft products extensively in my job and would not like to see my job become more difficult with the break-up of Microsoft.

Thank you, Mark Herke